

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

CHAPTER 425

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2651 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the Council on Technology Services.

[H 827]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2651 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2651. Council on Technology Services; purpose; membership; chairman.

A. The Council on Technology Services (the "COTS") is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be to advise and assist the Secretary of Technology in exercising the powers and performing the duties conferred by Article 9 (§ 2.2-225 et seq.) of Chapter 2 of this title.

B. The COTS shall consist of no more than twenty-six nor fewer than twenty members, to be appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of Technology, as follows: at least one representative from the Secretariats of Administration, Commerce and Trade, Education, Finance, Health and Human Resources, Natural Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation; at least four representatives from public institutions of higher education; at least one representative from an independent agency of state government; and at least three representatives from public bodies other than the Commonwealth selected from a list of names submitted by the Virginia Local Government Information Technology Executives. For terms coincident with their terms of office, the following shall serve as ex officio, voting members of the COTS: Director of the Department of Information Technology, Director of the Department of Technology Planning, Director of Information Systems of the Supreme Court of Virginia, ~~and~~ Director of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems, *and Executive Director of the Virginia Information Providers Network Authority.*

In making appointments, the Governor shall include not only information systems and telecommunications professionals, but also managers and directors in agencies who are responsible for business and strategic planning. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall be appointed for a term of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

C. The Secretary of Technology shall be the chairman of the COTS. The COTS shall meet quarterly and at such other times as may be called by the chairman.